

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 164 – HB 499

March 25, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Makes grammatical and stylistic changes to Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-14-403 relative to the duties of the executive director of the District Public Defenders Conference.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004466): Deletes all language after the enacting clause.

Creates 31 new assistant public defender positions. Requires the District Public Defenders Conference to prepare a report and submit it to the speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate outlining where the new assistant public defenders should be designated.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures – \$2,728,300/FY15-16
\$3,248,700/FY16-17 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the DPDC, each PD will be hired at a starting salary of \$56,800, the amount a PD normally makes after six years with the DPDC. The new positions will result in increased expenditures of \$2,356,150 {[\$56,800 salary + (\$56,800 x 0.1503) benefits + (\$56,800 x 0.0765) FICA + \$6,325.56 insurance] x 31}.
- According to the DPDC, each PD will require \$12,700 in recurring expenditures for travel, online research, furniture/supplies, training, professional privilege tax, etc. for a total of \$393,700 (\$12,700 x 31) per year.
- The bill would result in recurring expenditures for PD positions totaling \$2,749,850 (\$2,356,150 + \$393,700).
- According to the DPDC, each PD will require \$7,700 in one-time expenditures for online research, furniture, phone, internet, and data processing equipment. The bill would result in one-time expenditures of \$238,700 (\$7,700 x 31).
- As a result of the 31 new positions, the DPDC will require 10 new secretaries to assist the new PDs. According to the DPDC, it is assumed that all 10 secretaries will be hired at a salary of \$28,500. The new positions will result in increased expenditures of

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\$412,894 {[\$28,500 salary + (\$28,500 x 0.1503) benefits + (\$28,500 x 0.0765) FICA + \$6,325.56 insurance] x 10}.

- According to the DPDC, each secretary will require \$8,600 in recurring expenditures for travel, online research, furniture/supplies, phone, internet, etc. for a total of \$86,000 (\$8,600 x 10) per year.
- The bill would result in recurring expenditures for secretary positions totaling \$498,894 (\$412,894 + \$86,000).
- According to the DPDC, each secretary will require \$5,300 in one-time expenditures for online research, furniture, training, and data processing equipment. The bill would result in one-time expenditures of \$53,000 (\$5,300 x 10).
- The bill would result in total one-time expenditures of \$291,700 (\$238,700 + \$53,000) and a total increase in recurring expenditures of \$3,248,744 (\$2,749,850 + \$498,894).
- The positions will become effective October 1, 2015. As a result, the State will incur only 3/4 of the recurring costs in FY15-16.
- The total increase in expenditures in FY15-16 will be \$2,728,258 [(\$291,700 total one-time expenditures + (\$3,248,744 total recurring expenditures x .75)], and the total increase in expenditures in FY16-17 and subsequent years will be \$3,248,744.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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